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News worth sharing.

World champion. Rocks

▶ Jeff Stoughton with his medals.

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City salutes standout Winnipeg athlete

Jeff Stoughton, skip of the recently crowned World Men's Championship curling team, shows off the medals given to him and his rink by Mayor Sam Katz yesterday. Katz presented them with outstanding achievement award medals and the mayor's award for sports excellence on behalf of council and the citizens of Winnipeg.

Canada Post to fraudster: Pay up

▶ Lawyer claims his client gave away most of money to buskers ▶ Man owes $70,000 ▶ Hasn't made payments since sentence ended, court records show

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An ex-Canada Post employee who defrauded the company of tens of thousands of dollars and claims he gave much of the money to street performers is back in hot water.

Canada Post alleges that since William Schoen's 22-month conditional sentence expired early last summer he has failed to make payments on the money he owes.

The Crown corporation has asked the courts to make him pay up.

On the day Schoen was sentenced, his lawyer told court that while some of the stolen money was used to pay outstanding bills, Schoen "felt horrible" about using it for his own benefit.

"He gave a lot of it away to buskers ... he didn't go on any holidays, he didn't buy cars or buy any luxuries," Jeff Ginden said on his behalf.

"I'm not sure how to take that perhaps tens of thousands of these dollars were given to buskers," Judge Careena Roller said.

Schoen pleaded guilty to fraud over $5,000 after he was caught falsifying company expense claims and pocketing cheques over a period of several months.

The judge who sentenced him ordered him to pay $100 a month to Canada Post while he was serving his jail time in the community.

Schoen lived up to that agreement but hasn't made any payments since, according to court records.

He could not be located for comment and the allegations made by Canada Post have not been proven.

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Dikes shored up as water surges

- Sandbag machine moved from Brandon to Hartney to assist with sandbagging
- Dikes raised at various spots to protect from water surges, ice jams

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Floodwaters surged more than six feet in some areas along the Assiniboine River Sunday, leading to frantic diking to prevent breaches.

Steve Topping, executive director for Manitoba Water Stewardship, said ice jams along the Assiniboine River between Poplar Point and the Baie St. Paul Bridge caused the surges and led to dike breaches before secondary dikes could be built.

Premier Greg Selinger toured the flooded-out areas as far out as Portage la Prairie yesterday, telling reporters afterwards it appeared a Hutterite colony had suffered some damage.

The province confirmed dikes at the colony, located near Poplar Point, were breached, but called the breach minor and said there was no significant damage. Homes were not affected. Ice in the area has now moved on and water levels are dropping.

However, the water behind the ice was expected to cause at least a one-foot rise in the levels along the Assiniboine as it continued to flow towards Winnipeg.

In Melita, the worst flooding since 1976 has prompted the town to declare a state of emergency. Topping said work is ongoing on the Melita dike.

At 2 p.m. yesterday, the province closed Highway 75, the main connector between Winnipeg and the border, due to flooding. The province issued a number of detour routes and closures.

As of yesterday afternoon, about 600 provincial and municipal roads remained closed due to overland water.

GOVERNMENT OF MANITOBA

▶ Heavy machines work on secondary dikes along the Assiniboine River.

By the numbers

25 Number of pieces of heavy equipment shoring up dikes

35 Number of people working to repair breached dikes

16 Number of staff monitoring the dike situation near Poplar Point

24 The dikes are being patrolled 24 hours a day

In tomorrow's Metro: The five federal leaders answer questions from our readers on their plans for Canada's largest cities.

Want to eat at the world's best restaurant? It's going to be a long flight. Scan the code for the story.

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Two men accused of joyriding

Two men with prior histories of police involvement are accused of stealing a truck from the West End and driving it dangerously around the downtown.

The truck was taken from Maryland Street at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, but wasn't spotted by police until 9:25 a.m. near Sargent Avenue and Furby Street.

Police said the driver of the truck took off when he saw police in the area and proceeded to drive the wrong way down one-way streets and over medians.

Motorists on Edmonton Street had to pull quickly off the road as the truck careened towards them, Const. Natalie Aitken said.

"These individuals showed absolutely no regard for human safety," said Aitken.

The men abandoned the truck and got into a taxi. Police said they used the GPS tracking in the cab to find the suspects and arrest them.

The men are both 25 years old and are being held in custody.

JAMES TURNER

News in brief

Cops look for gun, find grow-op

A search for a stolen semi-automatic rifle turned up a grow-op as well.

Police searched a house on Lisgar Avenue at 3:30 a.m. Monday morning looking for a stolen semi-automatic rifle and discovered a grow-op inside.

The marijuana had a street value of about $24,000.

A 51-year-old man faces drug possession and trafficking charges, as well as possession of a weapon obtained by theft.

A 54-year-old woman and a 20-year-old man also face drug charges.

ELISHA DACEY

RCMP

Hampering the illegal drug trade

RCMP and Canada Post are working together to stamp out the flow of illegal drugs and alcohol to northern communities.

Police found about $650,000 worth of cannabis, cocaine and alcohol last week in parcels during inspections at postal facilities in Winnipeg and Montreal.

The drugs and alcohol were en route to communities in Nunavut, northern Quebec and northern Manitoba, RCMP said, adding the items were destined for resale.

The use of drugs and alcohol in northern communities has been linked to higher rates of suicide, violence and poor performance in schools.

Some northern communities ban the sale of alcohol.

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City officials could see increase in pay

City of Winnipeg's elected officials could soon be in line for a pay bump.

City council's governance committee agreed yesterday to allow an outside consultant to review a century-old rule exempting taxes from a third of the pay offered to the city's mayor and 15 councillors.

Committee chair Coun. Grant Nordman said salaries haven't been reviewed since 1991.

Junior councillors earn $66,000 a year and Mayor Sam Katz earns $122,000 a year, Nordman said.

He added councillors' current salaries could be seen as out of line with elected officials at the provincial and federal levels, despite being the politicians who are closest to the people they serve.

The review is expected to be complete this fall.

JAMES TURNER

Province announces hearing aid

Adults and children with severe hearing difficulties will now have surgery options in Manitoba.

Health Minister Theresa Oswald announced people can now receive cochlear implants or bone-anchored hearing-aid surgery in Manitoba.

Previously, people had to travel to Alberta, Ontario or Newfoundland.

"The announcement of this surgery program in Winnipeg is music to our ears," said Dr. Darren Leitao, otolaryngologist with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority.

ELISHA DACEY

RoadWatch may see funding hike

JAMES TURNER/METRO

▶ Drinking and driving? There's more cops on the road.

Program is in addition to regular roadside checks

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Funding for a Manitoba Public Insurance program that puts more cops on the street in hopes of scaring would-be drunk drivers could see an increase this year.

Manitoba Public Insurance is currently reviewing the cash it puts into its RoadWatch program — which has a mandate to make motorists afraid of getting behind the wheel while intoxicated.

"The driver's perception of added risk — getting caught in a random check stop — is often enough to change their behaviour," the public insurer said in a description of how the program works.

Funds put into the RoadWatch program go toward paying overtime costs, allowing police to call in extra resources to do roadside checks of drivers.

"We've funded it in the past, we'll fund it in the future, but the amount is still to be determined."
BRIAN SMILEY, MPI SPOKESMAN

RCMP, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) and some other municipal police forces in the province each participate in the program, said MPI spokesman Brian Smiley.

A source told Metro the WPS could see as much as $90,000 more available to them from the RoadWatch initiative this year.

Smiley said he couldn't confirm any funding hikes, and said MPI's executive is still poring over the numbers.

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▶ Police installed 10 CCTV cameras in Winnipeg.

Report bolsters camera use: Councillor

A request by residents of North Point Douglas to install crime cameras at the intersection of Austin Street and Euclid Avenue could be bolstered by an imminent report on their use in Winnipeg's downtown, according to a Winnipeg city councillor.

Coun. Scott Fielding said yesterday if police data shows the current camera project has been successful, the city should look at expanding it.

"I agree with what the residents are saying. People are going to feel safer with the cameras," he said.

The project was started in 2009.

Fielding was a proponent of using the cameras to catch crooks.

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North of 60 heats up as parties dish it out

Conservatives lash out at new attack ads Better health care and new roads promised in Yellowknife

Election 2011

Various feel-good campaign promises — a new northern highway, more doctors and nurses, high-speed rail — did little to mask an election that is turning increasingly bitter.

It was back to the future on the election trail yesterday in Yellowknife, where Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff crossed paths — and campaign swords.

Ignatieff reminded Canadians of six decades of universal medicare while promoting better health care in Northern Canada.

Harper's promise to complete the Dempster Highway joining Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk — a 140-kilometre stretch to which Ottawa will contribute $150 million — was bookended by dire warnings about the perils awaiting Canada if voters fail to give his Conservatives a majority.

A campaign pitch in Quebec by Gilles Duceppe imploring voters to support his Bloc Québécois to stop a Conservative majority is proof, says Harper, that only a majority government can prevent the next sovereignty referendum.

The Conservatives are also lashing out at the Liberals for new attack ads that target Harper on health care funding and his commitment to the Canada Health Act. The Liberals put words in Harper's mouth that in fact came from his former boss at the National Citizens Coalition.

Ignatieff was unrepentant, claiming the Conservative party has been attacking him for "five years" with out-of-context quotes and character assassination.

"It's getting tight. The heat's on. They can dish it out but they can't take it," Ignatieff said.

The latest poll suggests the race has indeed been tightening up with less than two weeks to go.

The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey had Conservative support nationally at 36 per cent, compared to 28 for the Liberals, 19 for the NDP, eight per cent for the Bloc and seven for the Greens. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff misses the grill as he flips caribou burgers while attending a barbecue yesterday on a campaign stop in Yellowknife.

Migrants suffering on Canada's farms: CMAJ

Many migrant farm workers who come to Canada every year are not given proper safety training, live in hot and cramped quarters, have no access to clean water and see their health suffer as a result, two new research papers say.

Researchers found that many workers from Mexico, Jamaica and the Philippines develop ailments linked to the gruelling work they do on Canadian farms, largely in British Columbia and Ontario.

The authors say in their papers, published yesterday in the Canadian Medical Association Journal, that workers are suffering from persistent back pain, eye and skin disorders and mental-health problems due to a number of factors.

Jenna Hennebry, a social scientist with the International Migration Research Centre at Wilfrid Laurier University, who co-wrote one of the papers, said overcrowded housing, the rigours of 12-hour days, lack of knowledge of their right to health care and the stress of being away from families take a heavy toll.

Many of those who develop health problems don't seek care because they don't know they are entitled to it, work too much to get to a clinic or fear losing their job.

"One of the most disturbing things we found were the barriers to accessing health care and compensation," Hennebry said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Horacio Gallegos, a Mexican migrant worker, harvests tomatoes in Leamington, Ont., in 2002. Researchers say many migrants get sick due to gruelling work conditions.

Sick workers

A number of the 600 migrants surveyed experienced health ailments linked to farm work.

- Forty-five per cent said they were fearful of reporting concerns to employers.
- Almost 15 per cent said they didn't have access to clean drinking water.

Toronto police release name of dead woman

Toronto police have identified a young woman found dead in a basement apartment near York University as Qian Liu, 23, of Beijing.

They are searching for a man reportedly seen struggling with her earlier that morning while she was chatting by webcam with a friend. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tories alone in shun on carbon price

A new survey shows that all the main political parties except the Conservatives are committed to setting a price on greenhouse gas pollution, which environmentalists say is crucial in fighting climate change.

The survey by some of the country's largest environmental groups asked each party if its green policies favour either a cap-and-trade system or imposing a tax on carbon. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bloc pushes for strategic voting to thwart majority

Gilles Duceppe is warning voters away from the NDP, as an opinion poll published yesterday indicated the NDP had moved into second place in Quebec.

The Bloc Québécois leader says Quebecers must vote for his party to thwart a Conservative majority government. THE CANADIAN PRESS

No relief in sight at the pumps

Expect gas prices to soar even higher once summer driving season gets underway next month

Canadians could soon be filling up their gas tanks for as much as $1.40 per litre, Gasbuddy.com says.

The price-tracking website pegs the current Canadian average price at $1.28 per litre. But as motorists begin to take to the road after the Victoria Day long weekend, demand will pick up and drive up the price, says Jason Toews, co-founder of Gasbuddy.com.

About 70 per cent of the price of a litre of gasoline comes from the cost of its main ingredient, crude oil. Crude has been trading at pre-recession levels as unrest in Middle East oil-producing countries continues to stoke supply fears.

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar
– 96.79 (13,702.33)	– 0.45¢ (103.71¢ US)
Oil	**Natural gas**
– $2.54 US ($107.12 US)	1,000 cu ft $4.138 US (– 6.6¢ US)
	Gold contracts $1,492.90 US (+ $6.90 US)

"A lot of people say 'We have so much crude oil here in Canada. Why don't we have cheap gas? Why don't we just sell it to ourselves?' " Toews said.

"These companies who produce the crude oil are looking to maximize their profits. It's not a charity case."

Alberta has the cheapest gas in Canada, at just under $1.17 per litre. British Columbia and Ontario, on the other hand, are hovering at $1.32 per litre. In Newfoundland, drivers are filling up for $1.37 per litre.

It's worthwhile to shop around for the cheapest gas in your city, Toews said. For instance, the lowest price reported in Vancouver yesterday morning was $1.27 and the highest was nearly $1.39. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Health. Report

▶ With an oil platform in the distance, Tulane University field technician Danielle Drabeck watches for migrating birds at Port Fourchon, La., on the Gulf of Mexico.

PATRICK SEMANSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hope for the Gulf?

One year after the BP oil spill, more than three dozen scientists have given the Gulf of Mexico a health rating of 68 out of 100. While the signs are hopeful, there are still significant declines in key health indicators. Hundreds of baby dolphins and turtles have died, and there are dead patches on the sea floor. The scientists say potentially big problems are hidden deep below the surface and may not be fully evident for years to come.

Home Depot to revisit dog policy after attack

Home Depot is reconsidering its policy on letting dogs in stores after a greeter was bitten by a shih tzu at its outlet in Gloucester, a suburb of Ottawa.

"Currently, dogs are allowed in stores as long as they're under control by their owner. This is a policy we're now re-looking at," said Tiziana Baccega, public-relations manager for Home Depot.

There was a "No Dogs" sign at the Gloucester store but it was never enforced, said greeter Anne Riel, who lost the tip of her nose when the shih tzu leaped up and attacked her. The dog was in a shopping cart near its owner at the time.

Home Depot's dog policy is somewhat vague and appears to be enforced on a store-by-store basis. JESSICA SMITH

VW revamps Beetle, but will fans still love the Bug?

RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ Klaus Bischoff, Volkswagen's head of design, introduces the revamped 2012 Beetle yesterday in New York.

In its 73-year history, the Beetle has evolved from the hippie ride of choice to a cute chick car. Now Volkswagen is reinventing it again.

The company introduced an edgy design yesterday for its signature model, giving it a flatter roof, a less bulbous shape, narrowed windows and a sharp crease along the side. Gone is the built-in flower vase on the dashboard.

It's the first overhaul since 1998, when Volkswagen came up with the New Beetle. VW, which wants to triple its U.S. sales of cars and trucks over the next decade, says the changes will appeal to more buyers, especially men.

"It ties in more with our other products. It's more upscale," said Andres Valbuena, VW's lead Beetle project manager for the U.S. The 2012 model has a navigation system, a significantly larger trunk, more luxurious materials and ambient lighting.

The design is based not on the New Beetle but on the original Beetle, the "people's car," which was created in Nazi Germany in the 1930s, came to North America after the Second World War and became a counterculture favourite because of its low cost and unusual look.

But sales slowed as VW faced tough competition from Japanese automakers in the small-car segment. U.S. sales of the original Beetle peaked at 200,000 in 1962. VW stopped selling the car in the U.S. in 1979.

Valbuena says VW believes the new design stays true to the name but will broaden the car's appeal beyond the 1998 version. In focus groups, men liked the more aggressive design.

The vase won't even be an option this time, Valbuena says, having been dumped in favour of colour-co-ordinated dashboards and an extra glove compartment.

The 2012 Beetle goes on sale in October. VW won't yet say how much it costs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

She says ...

JESSICA NAPIER

SIMPLY REDHEADS

Rumour has it that women tend to favour men of the tall, dark and handsome variety.

I, on the other hand, have a thing for redheads. Yes, that's right, I'm not afraid to admit that I would take freckle-faced Ron Weasly over Harry Potter any day of the week. In fact, I've been in a relationship with a ginger-haired man for more than three years — before you cringe, think Prince Harry not Carrot Top.

Redheads elicit passionate reactions; they are both demonized and fetishized by the plain-haired majority. Whether strawberry blond, burnt orange or deep burgundy it seems people have a pretty definite opinion when it comes to redheads.

Throughout history, redheads have been persecuted and stereotyped as angry, untrustworthy and, occasionally, satanic. Mythology links red hair to witchcraft and vampires, while Biblical bad guys Judas Iscariot, Eve (as in Adam and ...) and Mary Magdalene are frequently depicted as redheads.

Today, natural redheads account for less than four per cent of the world's population and less than two per cent in North America. There are plenty of stereotypes surrounding this genetic minority. Red-haired adults are assumed to be hot tempered, promiscuous and unpredictable (here's looking at you Lindsay Lohan) while young gingers are stigmatized as mischievous devil children, ostracized and mercilessly taunted for their pallor and fiery hair.

Yes, growing up ginger certainly isn't easy. In 2008, the RCMP launched an investigation after a 14-year-old boy started a "Kick a Ginger" Facebook group encouraging kids to terrorize crimson-haired classmates. The group, which nearly 5,000 people joined, was allegedly inspired by the now infamous "Ginger Kids" episode of South Park in which a character describes redheads as "disgusting, inhuman, soulless and inherently dumb."

Not only the victims of emotional and physical abuse, redheads also have a number of physiological shortcomings. Unique pigmentation makes their skin more susceptible to sunburn, wrinkles and skin cancer.

Given all of these genetic disadvantages it's perhaps unsurprising that rumours of redhead endangerment have started circulating. Redhead survivalists panicked after a not-so-scientific study warned that redheads might face extinction as early as 2060. In reality, while occurrences of red hair may be on the decline, there is no real evidence to suggest that our ginger friends will die out any time soon.

There is perhaps no hair colour more polarizing than red, but as far as I'm concerned the only problem with redheads is there aren't enough of them.

Read more of Jessica Napier's columns at metronews.ca/shesays

metro life panel

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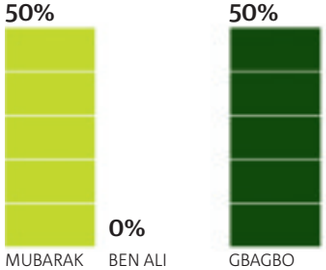
Which recently unseated head of state would you most like to have a 30-minute Skype conversation with?



Local tweets

- **@joechurchill:** Candace Cameron aka DJ Tanner is coming to Winnipeg on Wednesday to sign her book. I think it's called "High-Waisted Jeans and Me."
- **@K_O_cowtown:** #NHL #GoJetsGo If Winnipeg gets an NHL team Toronto is going to want one too!!
- **@CodyTurple:** Just washed my car and showings in st vital this aft! Great day outside but wishing it was warmer in #winnipeg!
- **@Joshuanonymous:** Apparently the chances of winnipeg getting snow in april was LOW. Well then.
- **@honey_child:** Is Don Cherry in #Winnipeg today? It was either him that I saw or some other scary old guy with a goatee
- **@thewinnipegger:** @ChrisBrezzy1987 i'm reading the new version of the driver's handbook and it shows a traffic light i've never seen in winnipeg before.
- **@treeochild:** @jonrbryant Winnipeg isn't a province, sir.
- **@Myrtle:** As with the final days in Winnipeg, there'll be a whiteout in Phoenix tonight. Are these the last NHL games in Arizona?

Worth mentioning

THE HAGUE, Netherlands. Hair today, gone tomorrow.

A judge has asked lawyers to shed their wigs next time they appear before her at the International Criminal Court.

A handful of attorneys appeared yesterday in traditional black gowns and white horsehair wigs for a preliminary hearing in a case dealing with violence after Kenya's disputed 2007 presidential election.

Justice Ekaterina Trendafilova paused briefly after the end of the hearing to pass a hair-raising judgment.

"This is not the dress code of this institution," she said.

"In this quite warm weather maybe it will be more convenient to be without wigs," she added with a smile.

It is unusual for lawyers to appear at the International Criminal Court in wigs, but not unheard of. At least three lawyers wore wigs April 8 during the initial appearance of three Kenyan suspects, without Justice Trendafilova issuing any dress code guidelines.

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Cartoon by Michael De Adder

WEIRD NEWS

Coming soon: Dancing With The Politicians

A moonwalking politician might not be the best reason to pay attention to Romanian politics, but the antics seem to be working.

Edmond Talmacean, a 40-year-old Bucharest politician, has inspired national headlines with his Michael Jackson-inspired moonwalk on a television show and his impersonations of the late dictator Nicolae Ceausescu. His impersonation of a well-known sports commentator during a serious political debate also stunned other lawmakers into silence.

"Dancing is another kind of political message to appeal to the younger generation, that it is good to have fun ... that you can go to a disco and dance," Talmacean told The Associated Press yesterday.

Party bosses, however, say enough is enough and have ordered him to tone down.

Prime Minister Emil Boc declared the routine was more suited to "showbiz" than politics, while Vasile Blaga of the Democratic Liberal Party said the fringe lawmaker should head over to the TV program Dancing With The Stars.

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YouTube star happy about Glee return

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▶ Singer Charice Pempengco is set to reprise the role of Sunshine Corazon in Glee.

Fan support helped bring Charice back to hit Fox show Self-confessed 'Gleek' will tackle Eric Carmen's All By Myself in episode

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For viral music sensation Charice Pempengco, appearing on Glee is a bit more than just another singing gig.

"I'm a Gleek," confesses the singer, 18, who goes by the professional name of simply Charice. "So being on the show — it's very exciting. I think it's one of the show's goal — to help teenagers make their dreams come true. It's been amazing."

It's also been a pretty amazing ride for the Philippines-born Charice, who rose to fame at 13 when YouTube footage of her singing performances became a sensation. Appearances on Ellen and Oprah followed, leading to last fall's first appearance on Glee as the pint-sized diva rival Sunshine Corazon.

Still, despite all that success, it was never a given that'd she'd return to the Glee fold. Charice says the overwhelming support of Glee fans on the Internet definitely played a part in her return. "It's one of the reasons I'm back. I've been reading all their comments. Happy to see they're excited."

The singer credits her mom with recognizing her singing talent at a very early age.

"My mother is a vocalist in a band. And she came home to see me singing on the top of the table — Celine Dion's My Heart Will Go On. So she discovered me."

On this week's Glee, Charice will tackle another Dion concert standard — Eric Carmen's All By Myself.

"I was so happy when they gave me that song to sing. I've been singing it forever. I love that song."

Beyond this week's episode, Charice again claims to be in the dark about when and if her character will return for a third time.

"I don't know if she (Sunshine) turns into a spy or starts helping the Glee club. I'm really excited to do more, but I don't know what happens after this. "

Glee airs Tuesdays on Global.

Louis-Dreyfus takes on the White House

Julia Louis-Dreyfus is set to play the U.S. vice-president in a new HBO comedy.

The network said Monday it has ordered the new comedy series, Veep, and expects it to debut in fall 2012. Louis-Dreyfus plays a former senator who becomes vice-president and finds the job is everything she was warned about.

As a featured player in Seinfeld and star of The New Adventures of Old Christine, Louis-Dreyfus has a strong track record in TV comedy.

The series was created by Armando Iannucci, who earned an Oscar nomination for writing In The Loop. He's an executive producer along with Frank Rich, a former New York Times columnist.

Said Louis-Dreyfus: "Although everyone says this is a comedy, I don't think there is anything funny at all about me being a heartbeat away from the presidency." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Julia Louis-Dreyfus will play the U.S. vice-president in the new HBO comedy series Veep.

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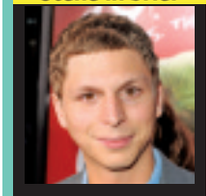
Scene in brief



Michael Cera and Whoopi Goldberg are among the 38 jurors for the 10th annual Tribeca Film Festival.

Tribeca announced its jurors yesterday, two days before the New York festival opens. Goldberg and Cera are among the jurors for the world documentary competition.

Director David Gordon Green, Saturday Night Live player Jason Sudeikis and actress Dianne Wiest are among those overseeing the world narrative competition.

In the emerging narrative competition, the jurors are Paul Dano, Anna Kendrick, Zoe Kazan, Rainn Wilson and Atom Egoyan.

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Video of Royal Family look-alikes dancing down aisle on wedding day goes viral

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Halle Berry cancels Broadway debut

Custody fight keeps her out of role in drama

Halle Berry is bowing out of her Broadway debut, The Mountaintop, which was set to open in September, according to the New York Times. Producers of the show say Berry will "not be appearing in the role due to child-custody issues." Berry has been engaged in a bitter custody dispute with ex-partner Gabriel Aubry over their three-year-old daughter, Nahla. The play, which stars Samuel L. Jackson as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the night before his assassination, will open as planned with a new actress in Berry's place. METRO

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▶ Halle Berry

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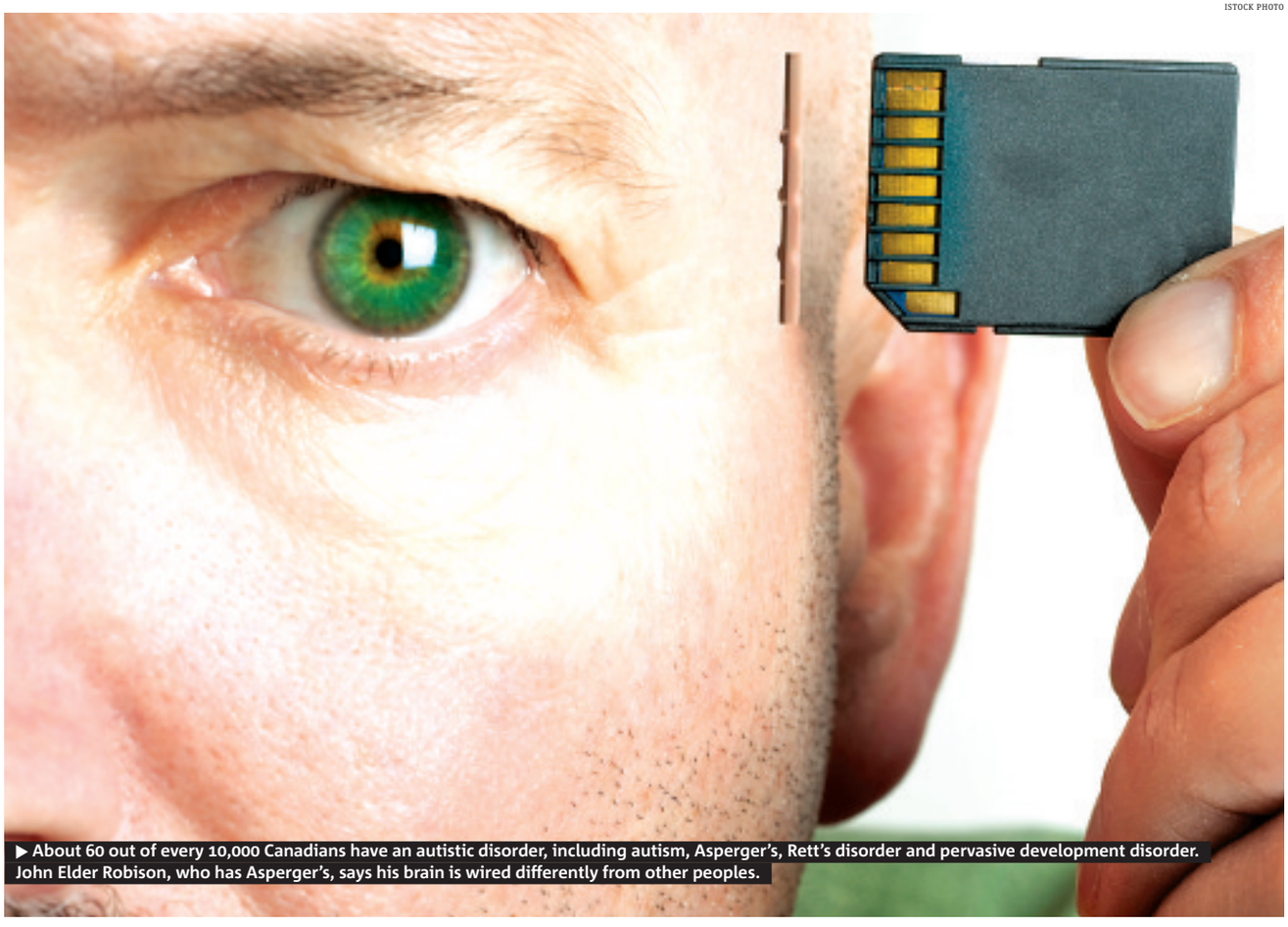

▶ About 60 out of every 10,000 Canadians have an autistic disorder, including autism, Asperger's, Rett's disorder and pervasive development disorder. John Elder Robison, who has Asperger's, says his brain is wired differently from other peoples.

A 'misfits' guide to life with Asperger's

Author shares his journey through the world that few can understand
New book provides workarounds for challenges that affect Aspergians

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Misfits, geeks, loners and people with Asperger's — take heart.

John Elder Robison is here to help you chart your own path.

His new book Be different: Adventures Of a Free-range Aspergian (Doubleday Canada) echoes his journey through a world in which he's always been different.

Robison is a person living with Asperger's, a disorder along the autism spectrum, which means he has non-standard wiring in the brain. He wants to give a message of hope and concrete advice to younger people who have trouble socially.

"When you are growing up and struggling to find friends and fit in, the future can seem very dark indeed. Yet people like me tend to do better as we get older and it's important for us to stand as inspirational role models for younger people," he tells Metro.

Through hard work, patience and diligence, he has developed "workarounds" for challenges that affect people like him. He studies ordinary people and learns to imitate their behaviour. He calls them nypicals, a short form of neurotypical, which is essentially any human who doesn't live in the autism spectrum.

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JOHN ELDER ROBISON

Robison is the author of the bestselling memoir Look Me In the Eye, and his brother Augusten Burroughs wrote about their dysfunctional childhood in Running With Scissors.

Robison was recently in Toronto promoting Be Different.

"Simply making myself aware of others has remarkably improved my social life," he writes. "People accept me much faster now that I ignore them less. This process is a secret of my success, and that helped turn me from a self-centered loner into a pleasant eccentric with a number of friends."

Asperger's

Asperger's, and what it is at a glance.

- **Aspergians are very focused on what interests them** It took Robison ages to realize that, in casual conversation, most people don't want to hear about the 66,000-horsepower diesel engines in ocean-going containerships.
- **The Asperger's diagnosis is relatively new for the medical community** When Robison was a child, there was no diagnosis so he just thought he was a loner. He wasn't diagnosed until age 40.

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3 life

Up and down

GOOD AT
Robison designed special-effect guitars for the band KISS in the 1970s, invented toys for Milton Bradley and now runs a highly-successful car shop specializing in Bentley's and Land Rovers.

Bad at
Robison frequently disappoints or downright annoys other people without realizing it. He's unusually sensitive to the labels on his underwear, and he finds safety in ritualized behaviours.

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Some hair smoothing products contain formaldehyde above limits: Health Canada

De-stressing those tough days

Life is full of big moments and some big stresses go with it Below we offer tips on how to deal with all of it

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1 You're on a first date

If you're just getting to know one another, have a glass of wine to lower your inhibitions and get the conversation going, says relationship expert Ian Kerner.

"You want to eat something simple like sushi that will allow you to talk without distraction. You also want to eat something light that doesn't fill you up or slow you down, such as chicken salad," he adds.

"For dessert, go for something sugary like a mango sorbet to get a boost of energy and a coffee, as long as it doesn't make you feel too jittery."

2 You're baby is days overdue

If it's past the due date, sex and spicy foods may help bring on labour. But also try eating fresh pineapple (a few slices, to avoid stomach burn).

It contains the enzyme bromelain, which may trigger contractions by softening the connective tissue of the cervix.

3 You've got a big job interview

Work on your resumé, but also your diet. Dr. Gary Wenk, author of Your Brain on Food, recommends "precursor-loading" foods.

"Their purpose is to bias the function of the brain so that we perform better over the long term. Try tuna (it has tryptophan) and fava beans."

4 You're flashing some flesh

If you're uncomfortable naked, you'll need more help that we can provide at this time.

But here's a tip for the pasty: Load up on foods bursting with the antioxidant beta-carotene, whose red-orange pigment will give your skin a natural glow. Try kale, carrots, collards and basil.

5 You're having a 'big' day

Whatever this may be — an exam, a new job — you need brainpower. Seaweed is rich in iodine, which staves off fatigue and depression. And the neurotransmitter acetylcholine improves memory. It's derived from choline, a B vitamin found in yolks.

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Let them eat cake!

Kate and Will have opted for two wedding cakes One of them is sentimental while the other is far more traditional

It's only fitting that a future king and queen would have two wedding cakes — a chocolate biscuit cake (William's childhood favourite) and a classic fruitcake (Kate's pick).

Unlike Kate's dress, details of the royal couple's cake have been revealed by Leicestershire baker, Fiona Carins. There will be plenty of tiers as well as white and cream shades. Also, about 17 sugar flowers (all of which have a special meaning to the pair) will be incorporated.

To create a regal wedding cake of your own, try a three-tiered cake with a simple posy at the top that is surrounded by gorgeously pressed florals.

It's beautiful and won't break the bank.

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Corn, black bean and sausage chowder and Chimichuri chicken wrap.

Located in a large historic building with exposed brick and space to accommodate large groups, Hermano's Restaurant & Wine Bar is a wonderful place to enjoy South American influenced dishes.

With a menu divided into a slightly confusing number of sub-categories, I select the Chimichuri wrap with chicken ($11). I substitute chips with a side salad ($1). The wrap is fresh and very filling, with juicy chicken, bacon, roasted red peppers, greens, cheese and cracked pepper aioli. The salad is also fresh. But, be warned: There's a healthy serving of onions in both the wrap and the salad.

The corn, black bean and sausage chowder is flavourful and chunky with vegetables and sausage. But, the bread on the side is disappointing.

Hermano's also offers a great tapas menu if you feel like sharing a few dishes over lunch.

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FROM AUSTRALIA WITH LOVE: A GLOBETROTTING ROMANCE

Names: Ash, 26, and Brett, 28

Hometowns: Pickering and Hamilton, Ont.

Together since: 2008

Their story:

▶ Ash and Brett are Canadians who have now lived in three different countries together.

When I (Ash) decided to move to Australia for a year in 2008, my family worried that I would fall in love with an Aussie surfer dude and never return to Canada.

They were half right: Brett and I crossed paths while living in the same apartment complex on the beautiful Sunshine Coast, Down Under. I knew immediately he was the one for me: We were both training to become teachers, our pets had the same names, and we were born exactly a week apart. Better yet, he was Canadian!

In the past two and a half years, Brett and I have lived in three different countries together, and I imagine that list will only grow longer.

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OPPOSITES DO ATTRACT

Do opposites really attract? And if so, does that add to chemistry in a relationship?

Derek says...
I find it curious that scientific principles are often used as clichés for matters of the heart. And while I'm not sure how physics relates to love connections, it wasn't until I met Angela that I first believed in love at first sight.

Angela says...
Opposites? Yeah, it's a cliché — but one that I believe firmly in. To me, it keeps things interesting.

Derek is always introducing me to things I'd never consider, and I like to think I do the same for him. For instance, I would have never watched the Battlestar Galactica series had it not been for him, and I like to think he'd never gain an appreciation for America's Next Top Model without my tutelage.

Having different interests keeps our individuality intact and offers interesting things to talk about after a long day at work — even after more than a decade together.

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Who said bourbon was for men only?

Marketing executive Peggy Noe Stevens sticks to basics when savouring Kentucky bourbon — no splash of water, just ice, stacked.

For the uninitiated, that's one ice cube at a time, followed by equal shots of bourbon. Then she lets the whiskey settle before sipping.

Stevens, a former whiskey industry executive, is a bourbon aficionado and founder of a new group called Bourbon Women. And she's finding out there are plenty of other women who share her affinity for Kentucky's signature whiskey, now that the industry is offering a growing lineup of higher-quality, small-batch products.

"I think there's this sense of relief that finally we were at a point where we can be taken seriously as women who enjoy bourbon and the lifestyle that accompanies it," said Mary Quinn Ramer, a founding board member from Lexington.

"That it's just not for men anymore."

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▶ Bourbon Women members, from left, Jamie Estes, Peggy Noe Stevens and Cynthia Norp, enjoy a conversation over drinks of Kentucky bourbon in Louisville, Ky.

The group will offer plenty of chances for bourbon tastings, distillery visits and girls' nights out, along with tips on new bourbon-laced recipes and how to liven up parties.

There's a serious side, however. Business executives are counted among the members, and mingling gives them a chance to network, said Stevens, who runs a branding and marketing company in Louisville.

"They are very independent, they are very curious," Stevens said of group members. "They're confident, they know what they like, immediately."

Experts say the comeback of traditional cocktails has led many women to bourbon. So has the rise of higher-quality, specialty bourbons.

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Banking on the beach

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▶ When it comes to timeshares, buy out of love, not because you want to make bucks off a future sale.

ON MONEY

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Timeshares can be great vacation option – but don't expect to make money on the sale.

Spring is for love, rebirth, delightful bulbs blooming, dogs shedding and probably more fitness resolutions than are ever made in the New Year. It is also the season for timeshare regret.

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Over 77 percent of timeshares are purchased between December and March. Come spring the second guessing begins.

Judy was one of the 77 per cent. "I bought a time share in Florida three years ago and now realize that with all the cheap inclusive packages being offered I probably jumped too fast without doing my homework. I am shelling out about $750 year for maintenance/fees. Should I try to sell it or hang on hoping home prices will go up eventually and sell later? I was a person who never took time for a vacation. At least now I do get away a couple of weeks and look forward to it."

First of all, about those cheap all-inclusives. On a family trip to the Mexican Riviera a few years ago I snagged a great bargain at a 5 Star resort advertised for $1050 a week per person. By the time we added in taxes, tips, a couple of facials and massages, an upgrade to an ocean view room, better wine and a sightseeing tour the real cost doubled. The economics of timeshares are like the economics of most purchases from clothes to cars. Buy because you like it, but don't expect to make a profit on any future sale.

On my television show, Maxed Out, I worked with a couple who bought a timeshare in Florida during a trip to Disney World and a few too many margaritas. After getting into financial trouble they eventually unloaded it, for 35 cents on the dollar. In their case, however, the maintenance, fees and return airfare had strained their resources to the point where they couldn't even use their weeks.

Judy is different. Judy is exactly the kind of person who should buy a timeshare. It forces her to take a holiday, she enjoys it and it sounds like she can afford it. Don't mess with a good thing Judy.

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TAME THE CREDIT LINE

Credit lines are masked as good debt because they offer seductively low rates. But, unless they're used to purchase assets that are expected to grow (education, investments, and businesses), they're not!

Because they're easy to qualify for and access, they encourage 'incrementalism', layering on more, which translates into bad debt, a deal you can't afford. There's no pressure from the bank to pay off the principal; simply cover the interest. You can even borrow back everything you pay towards it.

You know you're abusing your credit line if; you can justify busting your budget for unplanned purchases like a new TV because you've got a low rate; if your bottom line isn't growing, but your credit line balance is; if your credit card is racked up each month because of overspending and you pay it off with a credit line rather than cash; if you find yourself unable to stop the $5,000 home renovation in the bathroom, and it creeps into new floors, cupboards and sparkling state-of-the-art appliances for the kitchen; or if you're expediting the purchase timeframe on major items like a car.

A low rate credit line doesn't solve a systemic overspending problem, it facilitates it.

Credit lines should only be used for good debt; to invest in stable assets. It's counterproductive to borrow back what you pay in principle.

Tame your credit line. Change your repayment plan so that the available credit reduces by the same amount as your payment; in essence turning it into a traditional loan. And, consider collapsing your home equity lines of credit into a fixed-rate mortgage. Rates are historically low and they won't stay there forever.

Unless you're drowning in expensive consumer debt (rates upwards of 10%), credit lines don't make sense; saving in advance does. Get off the credit line marigold round, reign in spending and pay off your debt.

Scancode sensation

Maze-like links are appearing across the ad spectrum

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▶ Smartphone apps can scan high-tech barcodes for product information or purchase.

The smartphone has taken the old-fashioned barcode to a new level.

You may have seen them, even if you didn't know what they were. These new "quick response codes" look more like weird postage stamps, full of maze-like squares and lines.

Once they're scanned or a picture is taken of them with an iPhone, Android or BlackBerry smartphone, these barcodes can link to more product information or allow a consumer to make a purchase.

"QR codes are truly mobile," said Mark Binns, chief marketing officer of Mobio Identity Systems Inc., which uses the codes in mobile marketing and mobile commerce.

"You put a QR code on a billboard and you can point your phone at it standing on the street," Binns said.

Vancouver-based Mobio has a free app for iPhone and Android phones – one is coming soon for BlackBerry smartphones – that consumers can download to scan QR codes. It's one of many.

These two-dimensional barcodes, which are now starting to show up in North America, can be used to let people enter contests, vote on the top stars in a hockey game or receive a coupon offer. You can buy coffee or order food with them, link to a video, website or a photo of a product.

They can be found on the bottom of billboards and in magazine ads or can stand alone, like the giant Calvin Klein billboards that were nothing but a huge red QR code telling consumers to "get it uncensored" that linked to a racy video.

They're just starting to make their way into TV ads, said Binns, adding that Mobio ran a contest for Global TV in British Columbia using a QR code that had viewers putting their smartphones up to their television sets to scan the barcode to participate.

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4 sports

Flyers gaining steam in Buffalo

FLYERS	SABRES
4	2

Brian Boucher stopped 35 shots as the Flyers' new starting goalie in helping Philadelphia grab a first-round playoff series lead with a 4-2 win over the Buffalo Sabres last night.

Danny Briere and Nikolay Zherdev keyed the victory by scoring second-period goals as Philadelphia bounced back with two straight wins after a 1-0 series-opening loss Thursday. Game 4 is at Buffalo tomorrow.

Jeff Carter and Kimmo Timonen, with an empty-netter, also scored as the Flyers improved to 6-0-2 in their past eight visits to Buffalo, including the regular season.

Drew Stafford and Nathan Gerbe scored for Buffalo, but the Sabres never led. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Philadelphia's Nikolay Zherdev scores against Buffalo's Ryan Miller last night.

Bruins strike back

Put four past Canadiens goalie Carey Price on just 24 shots

BRUINS	CANADIENS
4	2

David Krejci, Nathan Horton and Rich Peverley gave Boston a big lead last night and the Bruins held off a furious Montreal comeback to post a 4-2 victory over the Canadiens.

Montreal, which took the first two games in Boston, still leads the best-of-seven series 2-1 with Game 4 set for Thursday night at the Bell Centre.

Andrei Kostitsyn and Tomas Plekanec scored for Montreal, which went on full attack in the third period against Bruins goaltender Tim Thomas, who looked shaky at times but made 34 saves in the win.

Chris Kelly ended the drama with an empty-net goal with 36 seconds left to play.

The crowd of 21,273 was roaring before the game even started, but the Canadiens seemed to lack focus against a closer-checking Boston team than they had faced thus far in the series.

For the first time in the series, the Habs failed to get an early goal. Boston opened the scoring at 3:11 of the first when Patrice Bergeron set up Krejci in the slot to bury the Bruins' first shot of the game.

Zdeno Chara, who returned after missing Game 2 with dehydration, played his first game in Montreal since his controversial hit March 8 that left Habs winger Max Pacioretty with a concussion and a fractured vertebra.

The Bruins captain was booed loudly every time he touched the puck, but he got the same treatment even before the Pacioretty incident.

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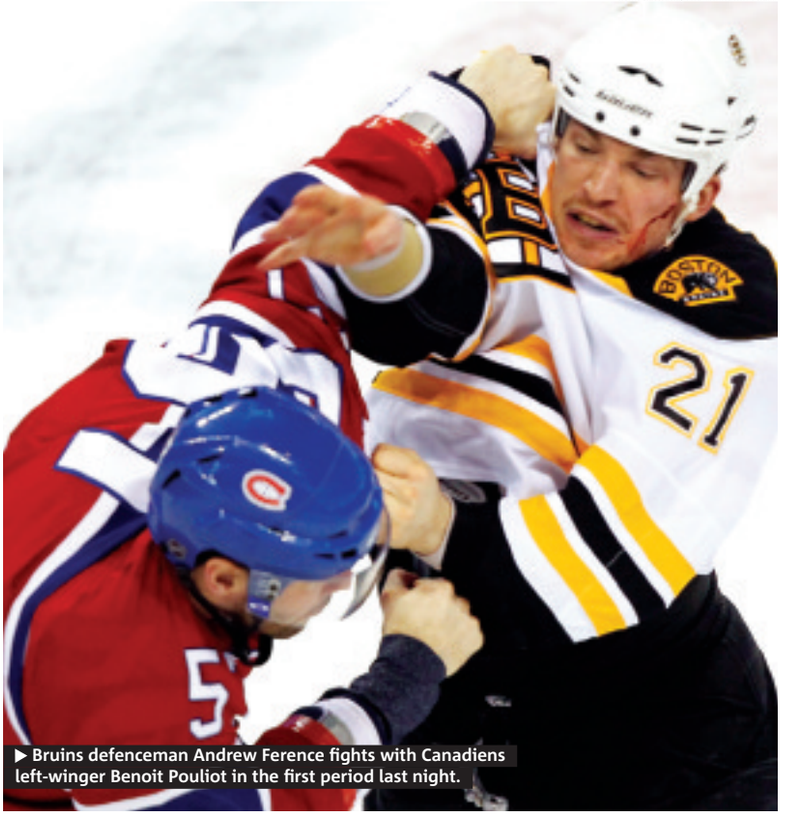

▶ Bruins defenceman Andrew Ference fights with Canadiens left-winger Benoit Pouliot in the first period last night.

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"Every game is an opportunity and just blowing it last night, that really bothered me ... My attitude is like you give everything you have. When you play well and you lose, that's hockey."

ANAHEIM'S TEEMU SELANNE, WHO RIPPED INTO HIS DUCKS TEAMMATES AFTER SUNDAY NIGHT'S 4-3 LOSS TO NASHVILLE. THE 40-YEAR-OLD ALMOST SINGLE-HANDEDLY RALLIED HIS TEAM BY SCORING TWICE 30 SECONDS APART TO TIE THE GAME AT 2-2 IN THE SECOND PERIOD.

Scan code for more sports

Torres dodges NHL ban for hit on Seabrook

Vancouver Canucks forward Raffi Torres won't be serving another suspension.

Torres received a two-minute minor after rocking Chicago Blackhawk Brent Seabrook with a blow to the head in Vancouver's 3-2 playoff victory Sunday night.

1st The Seabrook hit was in Torres' first game after a four-game ban for a headshot on Jordan Eberle of Edmonton.

Colin Campbell, the NHL's senior executive vice-president of hockey operations, said it wasn't a late hit, and Torres didn't charge Seabrook or deliver an elbow or extended forearm. The Canucks lead the series 3-0. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports in brief

Pitcher caught red-handed

MLB. Reds pitcher Mike Leake was arrested on a shoplifting charge at a Cincinnati department store yesterday, accused of trying to steal six shirts valued at $59.88 US. He was booked on a first-degree misdemeanour charge and faces a maximum 180 days in jail. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL plans return to U.K.

NFL. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers will host the Chicago Bears at London's Wembley Stadium in October if the NFL season isn't altered by a labour dispute. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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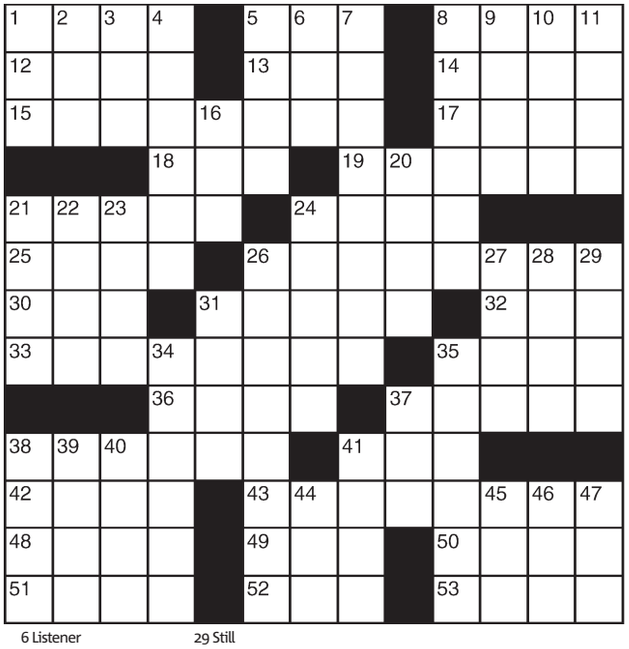

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▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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Yesterday's answer ▶

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From **ANONYMOUS GIRL FROM SKOOL**

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Jenna Khan, Weather Specialist

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Someone will change their plans today and you won't be too happy about it.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 If you want a straight answer to you will likely be disappointed.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Make sure you keep track of where your money is going today.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Some people will be vocal in their opposition to your plans today but don't let that stop you.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Don't push yourself harder than you have to just to make yourself look good.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You may have doubts about the path you are on but you also have the courage to keep at it.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If someone in a position of authority is critical of your work you must not let it get to you.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 See the amusing side in what happens today.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Don't ignore your instincts if something feels off.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Remind the doubters that, as far as you are concerned, nothing in life is impossible.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Why the negative attitude? Whatever the reason you must snap out of it

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Don't be afraid to ask friends and family for financial help if you need it. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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